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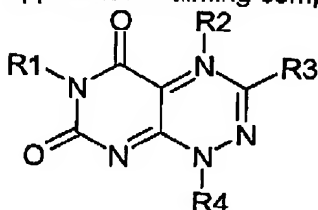
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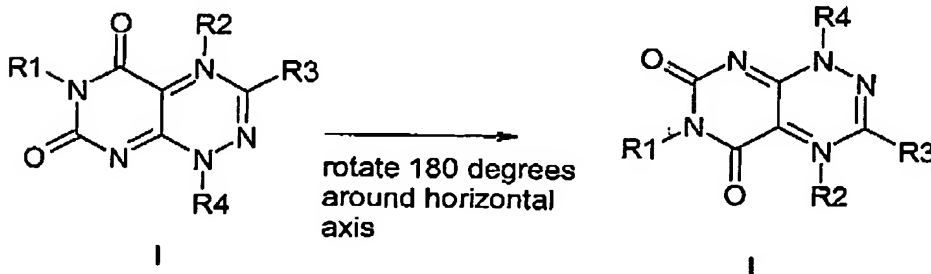
This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2006, regarding the above-identified application.

The Examiner rejected Claims 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pallen et al., WO 02/20525. The Examiner asserts that the compounds taught by Pallen et al. include compounds being claimed by Applicant. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant is claiming compounds with the following structure:



If one were to rotate this structure 180° around a horizontal axis, one would arrive at an equivalent structure wherein the differences between Pallen's compounds and Applicant's compounds are more readily discernible.



Pallen discloses compounds with the following structure: